(a) whether Government have extended any assistance to the Gujarat Government in terms of money;

(b) whether Government have received any request from the State for retraining displaced textiles workers; and

(c) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAF^A): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government has established Textile Workers Rehabilitation Fund Scheme (TWRFS) to provide interim relief to workers rendered jobless due to permanent/ partial closure of mills. An amount of Rs. 10.21 crores has been allocated under this Scheme during the year 1997-98.

(c) Central Government has not provided any funds to the State Government of Gujarat from the TWRFS. However, an amount of Rs. 74.72 crore has been disbursed as an interim relief under the TWRFS to 36354 workers of mills in Gujarat since the inception of the scheme.

(d) and (e) Gandhi Labour Institute, Ahmedabad has been approved as a Nodal Agency by Government of India for retraining of the rationalised workers. Funds from National Renewal Fund (NRF) are being released to Gandhi Labour Institute for counselling and retraining of the rationalised workers. However, no funds have been released to Govt, of Gujarat from NRF.

मध्य प्रदेश में रेशम उत्पादन

134. **श्री राघवजीः क्या वस्त्र** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे किः

(क) क्या केन्द्र सरकार ने मध्य प्रदेश में रेशम उत्पादन में वृद्धि करने के लिए किसी योजना की अनुमोदन किया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है, यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण है; और

(ग) इन योजनाओं पर वर्षवार कुल कितनी धनराशि खर्च की जायगी तथा इन योजनाओं के पूरा होने पर राज्य में रेशम उत्पादन में कितनी वृद्धि होगी?

वस्त्र मंत्री (श्री आर. एल. जालप्पा): (क) से (ग) भारत सरकार ने 9वीं योजनावधि के दौरान क्रियान्वयन के लिए मध्य प्रदेश सहित विभिन्न राज्यों में सामान्य किस्म की 27 योजनाओं की स्वीकृति दी है। इन क्षेत्रों के अंतर्गत विशिष्ट परियोजनाओं की मध्य प्रदेश राज्य से अभी प्रतीक्षा है। राज्यों के लिए इन योजनाओं के अंतर्गत कोई लक्ष्य निर्धारित नहीं किए जाते हैं।

इसके अतिरिक्त मध्य प्रदेश राज्य सरकार ओ ई सी एफ की सहायता से तसर का विकास करने की एक परियोजना क्रियान्वित कर रही है। यह परियोजना वर्ष 1998 और 2004 के बीच 7 वर्षों की अवधि के लिए क्रियान्वित की जाएगी जिसका परिव्यय 109.98 करोड़ रु. है। परियोजना का उद्देश्य परियोजना के शुरू होने से 4 वर्ष के पास तसर अपरिष्कृत रेशम का उत्पादन 75 टन तथा तसर स्पन रेशम यार्न का उत्पादन 22.5 टन प्रतिवर्ष तक बढ़ाने का है। परियोजना क्षेत्रों में मध्य प्रदेश के 3 जिले अर्थात रायगढ़, बिलासपुर तथा सरगुजा शामिल है। इस परियोजना के अंतर्गत लाभभोगियों की कुल संख्या 4000 है तथा रोजगार सृजन 10,000 है।

Participation in World Textiles Fairs

3. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(b) whether India has been invited to participate by the Heimtextilc fair authorities as a "partner country at Frankfurt fair" to be held during January 14 to 17, 1998 as reported in the Hindustan Times dated 27th October, 1997;

(c) the world textiles fairs in which India has so far participated during the last 3 years, countrywise indicating the foreign exchange earned thereby; and

(d) what incentives/concessions Government propose to offer to Indian exporters who are working hard to present the Indian textiles heritage abroad particularly to those are participating at Frankfurt fair?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) In order to increase exports of Textiles from India, the Government is providing requisite policy frame work to Indian Exporters under various schemes in accordance with export-import policy and consistant with international obligations including advance licensing of fabric and other requirements, setting up of Export Oriented Units (EOUs), foreign collaborations in manufacturing etc. for participaion in Heimtextile fair to be held in January, 98, Government has taken a number of steps which include setting up of a Theme Pavilion on Textiles, Multi-media presentation securing additional space in the fair, publicity and advertisements and overall co-ordinated approach to ensure effective India's participation.

Central Scheme/Projects/Programmes for Development of Sericulture

136. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH: Will' the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of different central scheme/projects/programmes launched by Government during the preceding five years in different States for development of sericulture; and

(b) what are the new schemes etc. that are schedued to be launched in the IX plan period?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) In order to supplement the efforts of the State Sericulture Departments, the Central Silk Board (CSB) is implementing a number of schemes/projects/programmes for promoting development of all the four types of silk. These include schemes for extension of R&D, training, infrastructural & extension support to the sector through network of CSB's units & implcmentaion of certain developmental/ incentives/financial assistance schemes for encouraging adoption of modern sericultural practices for production of quality silk. Besides, the Central Silk Board has also taken up sericultural Projects like World Bank assisted National Sericulture Project (covering 17 States), Action Plan for seven States of North Eastern region etc. in association/ collaboration with the States.

(b) The schemes sanctioned till date for implementation in the IX plan period are as under:—

(b) Promotion of Resource Conservation Technology through Economic Oven

(a) Enterprise Development Programme

(b) Master Reeler Assistance to States

(c) On-farm training and supply of startup tools to new sericulturists (Mulberry)

(c) Augmentation of Muga Food Plants

(d) Support to Reeling Units

(e) Crop Insurance Support (Mulberry)

8. By-Product use Development projects (General)

9. Support for product development, diversification and Buyer awareness programme

10. Installation of common facility centres for handloom silk processing

11. Demonstration of backward integration in the reeling sector

(a) Subsidy for providing drip irrigation facility for mulberry plantation

(b) Support for pre-reeling productivity improved measures of a demonstrative kind adopted by states

14. Creation of improved mulberry variety banks in states

(a) Crop Insurance support (Tasar)

(b) Support for date base development

(c) Support for consultancies, studies and surveys

(d) Support to agencies (Co-opcrativcs/ NGOs) for the popularisation of improved spinning devices for Eri